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COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	10/643,597
Filing Date	August 19, 2003
Art Unit	
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Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**PROCESS AND SYSTEM FOR CLEANING SURFACES OF SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS***(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

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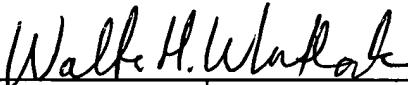
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